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"We don't want beds, just give us oxygen"

Mysuru, May 6 (MK&SSV)- Frantic calls for life-saving oxygen is becoming louder by the day as Mysuru grapples with a deepening COVID-19 crisis and dwindling medical supplies.

In fact, at the State-run K.R. Hospital where more than 600 Coronavirus patients are being treated, patients who are eager to be taken in are pleading with the hospital authorities for oxygen.

"We don't need beds and are ready to sleep on the floor. But please give us oxygen," they plead. With spiralling cases, many patients are not getting beds at K.R. Hospital. Some of the patients are availing treatment even without beds as they are only dependent on life-saving oxygen. They sleep on the floor and sit on chairs within the COVID Wards just for the sake of oxygen.

Though over 600 beds are reserved for COVID-19 patients, the Hospital is falling short due to increase in the number of positive cases. Many patients are facing problems due to non-availability of beds.

(See BEDS on page 7)

Patients at K.R. Hospital avail treatment outside COVID Ward

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 6th May 2021

Felicitation marks World Cartoonist Day

Mysuru, May 6- On the occasion of World Cartoonist Day (May 5), city's KMPK Charitable Trust felicitated cartoonists M.V. Nagendra Babu *(Star of Mysore)* and Doddanna Hundi Rajanna with "R.K. Laxman Smruthi Award."

Social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee feted them for their contribution to the field of cartooning at a programme that took place at SVM Foundation, Vidyaranyapuram yesterday.

Nagendra Babu, popularly known as Banter Babu, has drawn more than 19,000 cartoons in a span of 3 decades, held solo international exhibitions at Taiwan, USA, Singapore and is the only Indian cartoonist to be awarded Fulbright Fellow from US Department of State.

He has brought out a book titled "Babu's Banter - A Cartoonist's Retrospective" in 2015 on the eve of silver jubilee of cartooning.

Rajanna has drawn pocket cartoons for more than a decade.

MUDA members Naveen Kumar and Lakshmi Devi, activists Mahendra Singh Kalappa and Vikram Iyengar were present at the event.

Postponed

The cartoon exhibition titled "Corona Premium League" scheduled to be held at Mysuru Art Gallery yesterday has been postponed due to COVID Curfew.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When you stop blaming others and start probing internally with strong faith, it heralds a new beginning. Our mind often grapples with questions such as, why did I get a lower grade than my classmate whom I helped study, or why did my co-worker get a raise when I worked harder than him. All these basically emanate from our mind following the famous conundrum, 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna says: Take pleasure and pain, gain and loss, victory and defeat to be same, thereby you will gain no bondage. Rescue yourself with the help of yourself; never be disheartened. You can be your most helpful friend or the most formidable enemy within. Life, however, seems unfair to many when they find it difficult to accept the principle of Supreme Force providing dispensations as just and good.

In any scientific analysis, a conclusion is drawn based on the analysis of the data points. Who has acquired all the data points in the flow of life? Everything is in constant flux, so who is aware of all that has happened, all that is happening, and all that will happen? Only Nature has this inbuilt memory and capacity, and this is known as the karmic cycle – the law of action and reaction or cosmic justice. Each individual harvests the fruits of seeds he has sown. He may just be unaware when, which and where he sowed the seeds but the divine, the alert witness within, keeps a tab. Everything is, therefore, simply an outcome of one's past deeds.

— V. Balasubramaniam in The Times of India

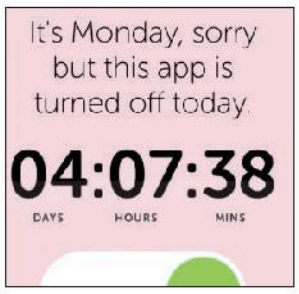
NEWS SPARKLERS

Controversial dish that's both dead and alive

Taiwan: Yin and Yang Fish is a controversial dish where the body of a fish is cooked, while the head is kept fresh so that it moves its mouth and eyes while it is being eaten.

From fish that smells like a public toilet, to a cheese as hard as rock and even a fish-head-stuffed pie, the world is full of weird foods, but few dishes can be described as truly disturbing. Well, the dish you're about to discover is one such rarity. Reportedly invented in the early 2000s, by a restauranteur in Chiayi City, Taiwan, Yin and Yang fish, also known as "dead and alive fish" is definitely not a dish for the faint of heart. It consist of a whole fish, usually carp, whose body has been cooked and covered in sauce, but whose head is maintained raw so that its mouth and eyes are still moving while it is being eaten.

The Dating App that works once a week



London: New dating app 'Thursday' is trying to make online dating fun and exciting again by only letting users access it on just one day of the week.

It's hard to believe that a dating app that isn't even active six days a week can have any success, let alone challenge big players like Tinder or Bumble, but George Rawlings and Matt McNeill Love, the two entrepreneurs behind 'Thursday,' are very confident in their product. And judging by the interest 'Thursday' has spurred — over 110,000 pre-registered singles around London and New York alone — they may be proven correct when the app finally launches this Thursday, May 6th.

'Thursday' will only be accessible on Thursdays, giving users only 24 hours to chat with other people in hopes of finding a date. If they fail to do so, they'll have to try the next Thursday, as all matches and all chats are wiped at midnight.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Supplements Intake

If anyone is not able to consume the required amount of calcium or vitamin D in their diet, one must try to eat a supplement. But, it should be kept in mind that supplement is just a supplement and not a substitute.

By Dr. Ravikiran - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

New studies show that Americans are snacking, eating and consuming beverages outside of meal times more than ever. Snacking now accounts for over 25% of an American's daily calorie intake. At 580 extra calories, snacking has become a fourth meal.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 4	MAY 5
Day's Positive Cases	2,293	2,790
Total Positive Cases	87,032	89,822
Day's Discharges	952	2,075
Total Discharges	69,902	71,977
Day's Deaths	10	10
Total Deaths	1,244	1,254
Total Active Cases	15,886	16,591

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

New Principal for PES College

Dr.Mahalingegowda

Mandya, May 6- Dr. R.M. Mahalingegowda, Senior Professor of the College, took charge as the new Principal of PES College of Engineering, Mandya, on May 1.

He did his B.E from University of Mysore, M.E from University of Roorkee and Ph.D from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. He has served as Head of Department of Civil Engineering and Dean (Research) of the College.

He has been honoured with gold medal by University of Roorkee for securing first place in M.E and Dr. M.G. Deshpande Memorial Prize for Best Paper presentation at international conference.

He has also served as Member of Board of Examinations of VTU and Bangalore University and Chairman of BOE of Autonomous PES College of Engineering.

Son of Muguregowda and Madhamma, he has carried out consultancy work for MySugar Company, Mandya, Gemini Distilleries, Nanjangud and Vikrant Tyres, Mysuru.

REALLY...?

- ***Did you know, the fear of running out of something to read is called Abibliophobia.***
- ***There are four law books bound in human skin at the Harvard University Library.***
- ***People say the longest sentence to ever be printed in literature belongs to Victor Hugo. The claim is that in Les Misérables there is a sentence which is 823 words long.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *Hey baby, what's your name?*
Girl: *Dhakka maaro baap ko..!!*
Boy: *What??*
Girl: *Means 'PUSH PAA' !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.62
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.10
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.62

VOICE OF THE READER

Prompt service by BSNL staff

Sir,

On Monday, 3rd May, I had to address an argument on an important public issue before the High Court for admission through video-conferencing. Shockingly, on Sunday night my BSNL Broadband connection got stuck. Being anxious, I messaged at 10 pm to Ramkumar, Head of Accounts Department, BSNL and this time the shock was greater as I received the reply message: "I referred your case; don't know if they will come now, may be morning."

Can you imagine a public servant is responding to your grievances on a Sunday at 11 pm?

I personally don't know this officer and his response to an unknown customer is amazing and highly commendable. If all the public servants function like this officer, how beautiful the governance will be!

Yes, as he assured, a technician from BSNL, named Vishal, promptly attended to the work. I wholeheartedly appreciate the services of BSNL and specially thank Ramkumar of BSNL, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.

—Venugopal, Advocate
Mysuru
3.5.2021

65 PU College lecturers deputed as Contact Tracing Team members

Mysuru, May 6- In an effort to aid contact tracing and infection control measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration has deputed as many as 65 PU College Lecturers of the district as members of Contact Tracing Team (CCT). Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy has issued an order in this regard.

As per the guidelines issued by the State Government, Contact Tracing Team headed by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Project Director would initiate a cascade of activities to gather and collate information pertaining to the movement of COVID-19 infected persons.

The team has been facing shortage of staff members and hence has deputed PU College lecturers for the time being.

Deputy Director of Department of Pre-University Education and College Principals have also been informed to immediately send all the deputed PU lecturers to be a part of the team, according to a press release.

Government revises summer holidays for Schools

Bengaluru, May 6 (KMS&DM)- As the State is witnessing steady surge in COVID cases, the Government on Wednesday revised summer holidays for Schools.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that the new academic year for Primary Schools will commence from June 15, after the conclusion of summer holidays on June 14 as announced earlier.

Pointing out that High Schools will have summer holidays only till May 31, he said that re-orientation classes for SSLC students (2020-21) will be held from June 1 to 14, with the SSLC exams scheduled to take place from June 21 to July 5.

ICSI postpones all June 2021 CS exams

Mysuru, May 6- Taking cognisance of the COVID-19 situation, **The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** has decided to postpone its examinations for Foundation Programme, Executive Programme (old and new syllabus) and Professional Programme (old and new syllabus) scheduled to be held from June 1 to June 10, 2021.

The new schedule of exam will be released after reviewing the situation and receiving the guidelines from the relevant Departments of the Government of India, issued from time to time.

Revised time-table for the said examinations will be issued and hosted on the website of the Institute *www.icsi.edu* in due course of time. A notice of at least 30 days will be given before the start of the exam.

CS Nagendra D. Rao, President, ICSI said, "As we all are grappling with the most unprecedented situation of our time, it is important to resort to confinement measures to fight the pandemic. Hence, in the interest of all, the Institute has decided to postpone June 2021 CS exam.

PM-CARES ventilators still lying unused in Mysuru

Mysuru, May 6 (BCT)- The fight against deadly COVID-19 is far from over and it has only intensified in Mysuru with the daily spike in cases.

While a majority of cases being detected are asymptomatic and the patients opt for home isolation, the concern is medical care for those with severe symptoms. Most of the patients experiencing breathing difficulties are in need of ventilator support and Hospitals, both Government and Private, are in clear need of additional ventilator beds.

There is a real shortage of ventilator beds and oxygen at several hospitals due to rising number of patients in need of the same. But shockingly, stocks of ICU ventilators remain sealed and piled up inside Taluk Health Offices in Mysuru for want of intensivists (doctors in the care of critically ill patients, usually in an ICU) and clinical specialists.

These high-end ventilators have been handed over to the Karnataka Government last year through PM CARES Fund and have not been put to use till now. While there is no visibility of unused ventilators in Mysuru Taluk, over six ICU ventilators are lying at H.D. Kote Taluk Hospital.

On May 2, H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu and Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath told reporters after launching the Congress COVID War Room in Mysuru city that ICU ventilators were lying unused at a time when patients in need of such beds are being rushed to Mysuru.

"These ventilators can only be used after qualified hands are recruited. There is not even an indication from the Government that recruitments would happen any time soon. We also need Physicians," Anil Chikkamadu said.

Picture for representation only

'Unused ventilators are a problem across COVID-hit country'

Founder and Managing Director of Skanray Technologies Vishwaprasad Alva told *SOM* that unused ventilators are a problem that is plaguing across the COVID-hit country. "There are no intensivists, doctors and clinical specialists across the country and successive Governments have done little to fill vacancies. We cannot blame doctors. It is a lapse by the administration," he said.

Vishwaprasad Alva

Alva regretted that the same enthusiasm that is shown to build new and swanky Government Hospitals is not shown to equip the new Hospitals with medical equipment, oxygen supply, doctors, specialists and nursing staff. "Even at the District Hospital that has been converted into a COVID Hospital, there were no equipment. As recently as three months back, we (Skanray) gave some critical equipment free of cost," he added.

Of the five ventilators given to Hunsur through PM CARES Fund, only three days back three were sent back to Mysuru as there was an urgent requirement and the Hunsur Taluk Health Centre has two ventilators that were made operational recently. There is a requirement for one more ventilator. Hunsur MLA Manjunath said that not only ventilators, but also a CT scan machine that Hunsur Taluk Hospital recently procured is lying unused due to staff shortage.

During first wave, virus had spread only in city and town areas. "Now we are seeing more number of cases in villages. How are we going to manage the crisis," the MLAs questioned. "We must ensure efficient running of all ventilators at our disposal as well as availability of medical oxygen and lifesaving drugs needed to combat COVID," they said.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, H.D. Kote Taluk Health Officer Dr. T. Ravikumar said that till now there were no ICU patients and also the Taluk faced a dearth of intensivists and clinical specialists. "After MLA Chikkamadu raised the issue at Taluk COVID Task Force meeting, we have operationalised one ventilator and two are in the process of being operational," he said.

In Karnataka, over 600 ventilators that were kept unused at warehouses were recently opened and put to use. 30,000 high-end ICU ventilators supplied under PM CARES Fund last year were manufactured by Mysuru-based Skanray Technologies. They were Skanray's CV200 advanced ICU ventilators manufactured at Bharat Electronics Limited for Government of India.

State requests Railway Board to run Oxygen Express trains

Bengaluru, May 6 (SSV)- To mitigate severe shortage of medical oxygen in Hospitals and COVID Care Centres, Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar has written to the Railway Board to run oxygen express trains to Karnataka on priority.

In a letter to Railway Board Chairman Suneeth Sharma, the Chief Secretary has requested Railways to operate oxygen special trains that would carry tanker trucks between Whitefield or Doddaballapura Railway Stations in Bengaluru and Kalinganagar or Angul Stations in Odisha as well as Vishakapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. It needs to be operated twice a week.

"The oxygen special trains require to be operated on high priority basis through the green channel to ensure timely delivery at the destination stations," said the letter. It has also called for nominating a Railway Nodal Officer for monitoring the movements of the trains.

General Manager of South Western Railway, Gajanan Mallya, has responded positively to the move. "The transportation will be done through its Roll-on Roll-off wagons." While Doddaballapur Railway Station already has a ramp, the Satellite Goods Terminal at Whitefield does not have one. "The engineering team has put up a ramp there within record time to keep it ready to run these trains," he added.

NEWS BRIEFS

MCC extends 5 percent tax rebate deadline

In some good news for tax payers, the MCC has extended the deadline for payment of property tax (2021-22) with 5 percent rebate till June 30. Earlier, the deadline was Apr.30. The extension of the 5 percent rebate deadline comes following a circular issued by the Urban Development Department directing all City Corporations (barring BBMP)and other Urban Local Bodies to extend the rebate till June 30, 2021.

Nominated

Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan has been nominated for the Publication Division of Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, according to an order issued by Assembly Secretary M.K. Vishalakshi in this regard.

Animal adoption

The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption fee: S. Suresha, Bengaluru - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000); K.V. Harishankar, Mysuru - Spotted Deer & Sambar (Rs. 15,000); Seema Aban Rao, Panchal Maharashtra - Four horned antelope (Rs. 5,000); Rashi Bijapure, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500); R.N. Navya, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500), according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	93.18	feet
Inflow	:	129	cusecs
Outflow	:	419	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2259.12	feet
Inflow	:	583	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.83	feet
Inflow	:	129	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

MP to head Task Force for streamlining supply of Oxygen and Remdesivir

Mysuru, May 6 (YDS&DM)- In a bid to streamline oxygen supplies to both Government and Private Hospitals in the district and to ensure that needy COVID patients get Remdesivir injections easily, a District-level Task Force headed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has been formed.

A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting chaired by District In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar at Government Guest House in Nazarbad yesterday evening.

Later speaking to pressperssons, Somashekar said that as per the decision taken at the meeting, all Hospitals will be directed to submit their oxygen demand for the next 10 days

Pointing out that Private Hospitals will be supplied oxygen as per the quota fixed on their demand, he said that Hospitals are directed not to increase their beds without prior permission of the Government.

Noting that MP Pratap Simha will be fully in-charge of Oxygen and Remdesivir injection supplies, Somashekar said that a KAS Officer will be appointed as In-charge of COVID War Room.

FROM LEFT: ***MLA L. Nagendra, District In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha and City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa during a meeting at Government Guest House in Nazarbad last evening.***

Maintaining that oxygen refilling will be done under CCTV surveillance, he said that a KAS-level officer will monitor the refilling data. The oxygen re-filling data will be audited daily, he added.

He further said that all measures have been taken to ensure that Chamarajanagar-like tragedy does not recur in Mysuru.

Continuing, Somashekar said that a 100 oxygenated bed facility is being set up by MUDA at Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital on JLB road, in which 10 beds will be reserved for Corona warriors.

Noting that preparations are underway for augmenting oxygenated beds at Beedi Workers Hospital on Mahadevapura Road and Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS road, he said that all possible measures will be taken to check the spread of the virus.

MP Pratap Simha said that many Private Hospitals used to call him midnight seeking his help for getting oxygen cylinders as they were running out of the vital gas, while some others wanted immediate delivery of Remdesivir injections. As such a Task Force headed by him has been formed for streamlining Oxygen and Remdesivir injection supplies in the district, he said and added that he will give his best for ensuring timely oxygen supplies to all Hospitals.

BJP dedicates two ambulances for COVID patients

Mysuru, May 6 (SPN&SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar flagged off two ambulances meant for providing free services to COVID-19 patients on behalf of BJP City Doctor's Cell yesterday at a function organised at BJP Office in Chamarajapuram.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the District Administration was making all efforts to contain the spread of pandemic. People's co-operation was also required in this regard. All the elected representatives of the district will be taken into confidence to provide quality treatment to COVID patients, he said.

The ambulance will have oxygen, PPE kit and sanitisers. To avail this facility, citizens may call Mob: 98802-30764 or 93421-16598 or 92437-81900

Somashekar said *prima facie*, the District Administration of Mysuru had no role in distribution of oxygen to neighbouring Chamarajanagar District. However, the State Government has instituted an inquiry into the death of 24 patients allegedly due to lack of oxygen early this week. Truth will come out in inquiry, he added.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mysuru Vibhag Pracharak M.V. Ravishankar, State Party Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar, General Secretary Somasundar, Doctor's Cell Co-Convener S.A.Girish and others were present.

Former Union Minister Ajit Singh passes away

New Delhi, May 6 - **Ajit Singh** (82), former Union Minister and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief passed away this morning, according to a tweet from his son Jayant Chaudhary. "He battled his condition till the very end and breathed his last today morning," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among those who paid tribute to the politician, known to be a prominent voice of farmers. "He was always dedicated to the cause of farmers. He ably fulfilled many responsibilities at the centre," PM Modi wrote.

An alumnus of IIT Kharagpur and the Illinois Institute of Technology, Ajit Singh, was a seven-time MP and Union Minister in the Governments of V.P. Singh, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh. He enjoyed an immense following in politically vital Uttar Pradesh, especially its western parts dominated by Jats.

Son of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, Ajit Singh quit the computer industry to return to India and join politics when his father fell ill. He became a Rajya Sabha member in 1986. When his father died the next year, he was asked to take over as chief of the Lok Dal, but amid internal tussles, the party split and Ajit Singh formed his own party.

Chamarajanagar tragedy was waiting to happen

On Apr. 23, 30 oxygen cylinders were rushed from Kollegal to save patients at the nick of time

District in-charge Minister Suresh Kumar, wearing a PPE suit, visited all the COVID Wards at Chamarajanagar District Hospital yesterday, enquired each and every patient's health condition and instilled confidence among them to come out of the pandemic safely. Picture right shows a scene outside the COVID-19 Health Centre.

Kollegal, May 6 (Nagendra & BCT)- Ten days before the Chamarajanagar tragedy occurred where 24 COVID-19 patients died at the District Hospital owing to lack of oxygen, the District was severely facing oxygen shortage and all appeals by doctors for oxygen replenishment fell on deaf ears. Though a new oxygen plant was established at the Hospital, it has the capacity to fulfil oxygen for only 1.5 days.

The oxygen situation first went out of hand on Apr. 23 where doctors struggled and ran from pillar to post to fulfil the breathing requirements of the patients. This incident was treated lightly by the authorities concerned and the result was a full-blown tragedy on the intervening night of May 1 and May 2.

On Apr. 23, lives of many patients were saved due to the concern, professional commitment and presence of mind of Chamarajanagar COVID Nodal Officer Dr. Mahesh and Dr. Rajashekar, who is the Orthopaedic Surgeon at Kollegal Sub-Division Government Hospital.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that on Apr. 23, the Chamarajanagar District Hospital that is a hub for poor patients taking treatment for COVID, faced acute oxygen shortage as all the cylinders were exhausted and even the supplies from the oxygen plant stopped as there was no refilling.

Grave situation

Sensing the impending danger that was to unfold in just one hour due to oxygen shortage, Dr. Mahesh was trying his best to procure oxygen from any source. Fathoming the gravity of the situation, he was desperately making calls and he called Dr. Rajashekar in Kollegal.

Dr. Mahesh explained to Dr. Rajashekar that patients would die of breathlessness if oxygen cylinders do not reach the Hospital within one hour. He requested Dr. Rajashekar to spare some cylinders and promised to return them filled after the Hospital gets its fresh quota.

Responding to the request, Dr. Rajashekar agreed to send 30 cylinders to meet the emergency requirement. But the situation was so pathetic that there was not a single Government vehicle to take the cylinders to Chamarajanagar from Kollegal. It is illegal to transport oxygen cylinders in a private vehicle and Dr. Rajashekar felt that saving the lives was important than towing the legal line at that moment.

30-km in 45 minutes

He then called Vishwa, a private vehicle owner and sent 30 cylinders to Chamarajanagar. The life-saving medical gas arrived at the nick of time and Vishwa traversed the distance of over 30 kilometres in about 45 minutes. If the cylinders had not arrived on time, the incident would have hit headlines.

The doctor's community in Chamarajanagar have been discussing this incident and according to them, it is sheer presence of mind and commitment shown by Dr. Mahesh and Dr. Rajashekar and not to forget Vishwa who saved many lives. They told *Star of Mysore* that Chamarajanagar was facing oxygen shortage since 10 to 12 days.

"This is a daily occurrence here. As the patient numbers increase, we are desperate and hunt for cylinders and as refills arrive, we heave a sigh of relief. Desperate calls are made and SOS signals are sent overnight to source oxygen in some way. Authorities have turned a blind eye to our plight and in the end, doctors are blamed," said a doctor in Chamarajanagar on condition of anonymity.

A few days back, there was oxygen shortage at Santhemaralli Hospital and patients had to be shifted to Chamarajanagar Hospital. "When oxygen stock ran out at a Private Hospital in Chamarajanagar, we shifted the patient to the Government Hospital to save his life. Every day is a struggle and we leave no stone unturned to save lives," the doctor added.

It took loss of 24 lives to shake-up authorities and Government and wake them up to the ground reality. Only now, there is a streamlined supply of oxygen to Chamarajanagar District Hospital.

Police teams raid to confiscate records

Chamarajanagar, May 6 (SS & BCT)- Following the Karnataka High Court order to the State Government to immediately seize all the relevant records in the Offices of the Deputy Commissioners of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts, and the Chamarajanagar District Hospital on oxygen supply and correspondences among the authorities in the two districts for the relevant period, a team of Police officers led by Dy.SP Priyadarshini Sanekoppa conducted raids last evening.

Raids were conducted at the District COVID Health Centre and documents confiscated. The team also visited the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Office of the District Health Officer, Government Medical College and the Office of the Dean, Medical College and sourced all oxygen supply-related documents.

The raids were conducted simultaneously and teams from local Police Stations were also used for the operation. All the Policemen were asked to switch off their mobile phones and only wireless networks were used for communication, sources said.

The High Court Special Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar issued this direction after taking serious exception to the decision of the State Government to set up a commission of inquiry under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, and appointing a retired Judge to probe incident of 24 COVID-19 patients in Chamarajanagar without taking prior approval from the Court.

"The intention of the Government is very clear from the manner in which the whole thing is being done by the Government. It is a pre-emptory order. We are not on you for appointing a particular Judge. But in all fairness you should have left it to the Court to appoint a retired Judge to conduct an inquiry," the Bench observed asking State Advocate-General (A-G) Prabhuling K. Navadagi to immediately inform Chief Secretary to seize the documents.

The A-G told the Court that the Chief Secretary had entrusted the task of seizing the records to the IAS Officer Shivayogi Kalasad, appointed to conduct preliminary inquiry into the incident.

Under pressure, DHO collapses

During the raids conducted by the Police, Chamarajanagar District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. M.C. Ravi fell ill and collapsed. Shocked by the incident, the Police and the Health Office staff rushed him to the District Hospital for treatment. His condition is stable now and is recuperating.

Dr. M.C. Ravi

Hearing about the incident, Chamarajanagar District Minister S. Suresh Kumar, who was in the District yesterday, rushed to the Hospital along with DC Dr. M.R. Ravi. Doctors told the Minister that the DHO collapsed as he was handling a high-pressure job and he has low BP.

Sources said that the DHO had faced severe pressure as there was an acute oxygen shortage since last Sunday. Between the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday, 24 patients died and the DHO stay put at the hospital the entire night and he could not go home the next day (Monday) due to the District Minister and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar's visit. He also faced a volley of questions from the VVIPs and also media. His role was under the scanner and he faced tremendous pressure. On Tuesday too, he did not get rest as former CM Siddharamaiah visited Chamarajanagar along with State Congress President D.K. Shivakumar. Next came the visit of senior IAS Officer Shivayogi Kalasad who was appointed by the State Government to probe the tragedy.

ACF, RFO escape tiger attack

Tamed elephants from Mathigodu Camp summoned for combing operation near Hanagod to capture tiger

Hanagod, May 6 (Hanagod Mahesh& KS)- Following killing of livestock at Doddahejjur near Hanagod bordering Nagarahole Reserve Forest, a team of forest officials, led by Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Satish and Range Forest Officer (RFO) Naman Narayana Nayak, are conducting a combing operation with the help of tamed elephants since last night.

On Wednesday afternoon, the tiger attacked a herd of goats that were grazing at Hanumanthapura in Doddahejjur and killed a goat before fleeing into the forest. On Monday night, the tiger had entered the cowshed belonging to Devaraju at Dasanapura and killed a cow. The tiger had killed about four cows in this region since a week.

The goatherds, who had fled from the spot on seeing the tiger attacking the goats, informed the matter to the villagers, who rushed to the spot in large numbers. The tiger, which was hiding nearby, began to growl and roared numerous times giving a fright to the villagers who had assembled there. The villagers then demanded the Forest officials to trap the menacing tiger.

Tiger attacks Forest officials

Meanwhile, ACF Satish and RFO Naman Narayana Nayak, along with about 20 staff reached the spot last evening.

While they were inspecting the spot, where the tiger had killed a goat, the tiger, which was hiding nearby, attacked the ACF and the RFO, who escaped from the tiger miraculously.

Finally, tamed elephants Krishna (Mahout Chandra and Kavadi Harish) and Gopalaswamy (Mahout Srujan and Kavadi Manju) from Mathigodu Elephant Camp located at Thithimathi in Kodagu, were brought to the spot and a combing operation was conducted in the evening but was suspended following darkness.

The tiger combing operation once again resumed this morning and was in progress, when we went to the press at 2 pm.

Exhibition Grounds wholesale vegetable market to shut at 4 am

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&DM)- Due to the surge in COVID cases and a 14-day COVID Curfew in place till the morning of May 12, the District Administration has ordered shutting down of the vegetable wholesale market at Dasara Exhibition Grounds at 4 am.

Although Devaraja, Mandi and V.V.Markets in the heart of the city have been completely shut due to crowding, the wholesale vegetable market at Dasara Exhibition Grounds has been given a window to function from 8 pm till 4 am the next day as it is an Inter-State vegetable trading site.

With this Grounds being a venue for Inter-State trading of vegetables, farmers from Mysuru, T. Narasipur, Bannur and other places across the district and buyers and agents from neighbouring States, will gather at the venue at 8 pm. The trading has been allowed till 4 am, after which the market will be shut down.

Until May 1, this wholesale market was allowed to function for 12 hours from 8 pm till 8 am. But with the closure of Devaraja, Mandi and V.V.Markets, the authorities, anticipating that traders of the closed markets will throng the Grounds, ordered a cut down in the timing of functioning. Accordingly, the Dasara Exhibition Ground wholesale market will shut down at 4 am , following which MCC's Abhaya team workers will lock the Gates at 4.30 am, after checking that the venue is cleared.

New Tulsidas Hospital is now a COVID Health Centre

- Of the 100 beds, 70 to be oxygenated; admission only through District War Room
- Trial runs for 50 beds begin; facility to open for patients from next week

Mysuru, May 6 (RKB&BCT)- A 72-year-old maternity hospital — Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road — has paved way for a high-tech 100-bed designated COVID Health Centre in city and the facility was inaugurated this morning. Local residents and old-timers call this Hospital as 'Hallada Aaspatre' as it was located in a steep ditch ('halla' in Kannada).

The Hospital has been readied and operationalised by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), District Administration (Health Department) along with Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital.

It was built with Rs. 20 crore Central grants to care for pregnant women and neo-natal mothers and their babies and ease the burden of the overcrowded Cheluvamba Hospital. It has been now converted as COVID Health Centre, thanks to the spiralling Coronavirus cases in Mysuru and the pressing need for providing medical care to patients within the existing infrastructure.

Of the 100 beds, 70 beds are oxygenated beds. Trial runs have started for 50 beds yesterday and today and the remaining 50 beds would be operationalised by next week, turning the setup fully operational. As of now, patients would not be admitted and they will be allowed from next week. Of the 100 beds, 50 are in the ground floor and 50 in the first floor.

Ten oxygenated beds with ICU ventilators will start functioning from next week. Six doctors have been appointed and there are 40 nursing staff, who will work in round-the-clock shifts and among the doctors one is ICU Intensivist, one is a Pulmonologist and one is a General Physician. All the doctors are from the Cauvery Hospital.

Admission as per War Room directive

All COVID-positive patients will not be straight-away admitted to this Hospital and patients would be admitted based on the orders and requirement of the District War Room. Patients are required to mandatorily possess COVID-positive report, SIRF ID and Aadhaar cards while getting admitted. Patients who have breathing difficulties will be treated here and 10 ICU ventilator beds will be reserved for COVID Warriors.

Preference would be given to COVID warriors, COVID-positive pregnant ladies and also children. Six Dura cylinders of 200 litres of Liquid Medical Oxygen would be supplied and refilled here. In-house accommodation will be provided to doctors and nurses and the Hospital has been divided into 'Red Zone' (infected patients) and Green Zone (medicine, supplies and nursing equipment). Entry to and fro Red and Green Zone will mandatorily be with PPE kits.

Dr. H.S. Bhargav and Dr Somashekar of Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital are leading the initiatives at the new Hospital and MUDA has already spent Rs. 30,000 to equip the Hospital. MUDA will pay 50 percent of the salaries of doctors and nursing staff and the rest will be borne by Cauvery Hospital. All the oxygen requirements will be funded by MUDA, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh told *Star of Mysore*.

Opened in 1949

The 30-bed Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital was inaugurated on July 9, 1949 by the then Maharaja of Mysore Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. The Hospital completed 69 years in 2018 and now it has completed 72 years. As the structure was dilapidated, people used to visit the Hospital very rarely after 2010.

Now the new Hospital has been built from the funds sanctioned by the Central Government under National Health Mission. This project was envisaged in 2012 when the current Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas was the District in-Charge and Medical Education Minister. He had approached the Centre with a proposal to demolish the existing structure and construct a new hospital. Later, the 100-bed Hospital was constructed at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.

Recognising the contribution of MLA Ramdas, District Minister S.T. Somashekar asked him to inaugurate the Hospital. MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait and L. Nagendra, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, members Lakshmidevi, Madesh and others were present.

Who is Seth Mohandas Tulsidas?

How the hospital came to be known as Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital? One noble-intended Tulsidas wanted to build a maternity hospital for people of Mysuru and surrounding villages in post-Independent India. He had vast tracks of land and he had donated 5.17 acres of land near JLB Road. The hospital was constructed and named Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital and the facility was inaugurated by Jayachamaraja Wadiyar in 1949. Even now Tulsidas is known to people of Mysuru through the hospital that bears his name.

"We don't want beds, just give us oxygen"

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As a result, the Hospital has started treatment only for needy patients at the registration counter where triage system is being followed. Patients with severe breathing issues in the COVID Emergency Ward are treated on priority by arranging oxygen.

The prevailing situation at the K.R. Hospital is worrying patients and their relatives. Ambulances carrying positive patients are regularly lined up in front of the Emergency Ward and they wait for long hours for want of beds. Some patients were seen begging with the nursing staff and doctors for treatment. Patients are admitted into the Wards only after recovered patients are discharged.

The COVID Emergency Ward is packed with positive patients and with more than 2,000 positive cases being reported daily, there has been steady increase in patient admission into all hospitals in Mysuru.

A few in need of beds and treatment are fuming at senior officials who are in-charge of COVID control in the District for switching off their mobile phones after 8 pm. This has angered residents who have urged senior officers to look into this on priority.

MP appeals youths to donate blood before COVID vaccination

Mysuru, May 6 (MK&DM)- MP Pratap Simha has appealed youths to donate blood before they get vaccinated for COVID.

Pratap Simha

In a video message, Pratap Simha said that the vaccination drive for persons aged between 18 and 45 years will formally commence in the State from May 10 and the youths should donate blood before they get vaccinated.

Pointing out that the vaccination drive for people aged between 18 and 45 years has commenced from May 1 in eight States, he said that due to shortage of vaccines, vaccination in some States, including Karnataka will commence from May 10.

Noting that people cannot donate blood till one month after taking the vaccine, he said that in such a situation there may be shortage of blood. As such, youths should voluntarily come forward for donating blood before getting jabs, he said.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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08117	Howrah	Mysuru	00.30	03.15	Sunday	Fully reserved
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday	Fully Reserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday	Fully Reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully Reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully Reserved

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For battery operated vehicle facility call Mob: 97316-18884

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Cancellation and partial cancellation of trains

Mysuru, May 6- The following trains have been cancelled or partially cancelled until further advice by South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, due to poor occupancy:

CANCELLATION

1. Train No.06504 / 06503 (Pre-COVID running of Chamundi Express timing) Mysuru - KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru Express Special cancelled from both sides with effect from 6.5.2021.

2. Train No. 06219/06220 Chamarajanagar - Tirupati - Chamarajanagar Festival Express Special (Pre-COVID running of Tirupati Express timing) cancelled from Chamarajanagar from 6.5.2021 and from Tirupati from 7.5.2021.

3. Train No. 06295/06296 Mysuru - Talguppa - Mysuru Intercity Special Express will be cancelled from both sides with effect from 6.5.2021.

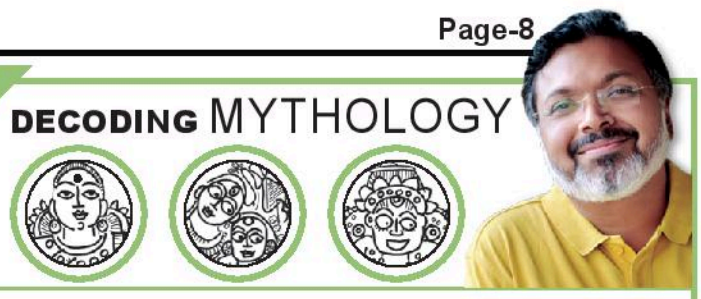
4. Train No. 06233/06234 Mysuru - Chamarajanagar - Mysuru Passenger Daily cancelled from Mysuru from 6.5.2021 and from Chamarajanagar from 8.5.2021 — all until further advice.

PARTIAL CANCELLATION

1. Train No. 06225 Mysuru - Talguppa Unreserved Daily Express Special partially cancelled between Arsikere - Talguppa with effect from Mysuru from 6.5.2021. Accordingly the train will terminate at Arsikere instead of Talguppa.

2. Train No. 06226 Talguppa - Mysuru Unreserved Daily Express Special partially cancelled between Talguppa - Arsikere from Talguppa from 7.5.2021. Accordingly the train will originate from Arsikere instead of Talguppa.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY



Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The Nymph & the Hermit

To be or not to be celibate is an important concept that emerged in India, and, although it is attributed to Buddha, it is perhaps an older concept that existed even during the Vedic times, when there is reference to narcotic-drinking hermits, who stayed away from the material world.

The most visible form of connecting with the material world is the sexual act. The story of Vishwamitra and Menaka draws attention to the relationship between asceticism and worldly life, between spiritualism and materialism. The celibate man, who withdraws from the world, is the hermit, he of the controlled mind. The hedonistic man, who succumbs to the temptations of the damsel, is a householder, he with a mind that has lost control.

Must this visualisation be taken literally or symbolically? Vishwamitra can be seen as a man, or the symbol of the mind that can choose to either engage with the material world or withdraw from it. Likewise, Menaka can represent the woman, or the material world, full of pleasures and stimulations.

The tension between these two views has manifested into a breakdown of relationships between men and women, especially in ascetic traditions, with women being projected as temptresses. It has led to the belief that spirituality and materialism are incompatible.

Others, however, argue that ultimately the male and female forms merge — as represented by Shiva's Ardhanareshwar and Vishnu's Mohini. At a high transcendental level, then, the spiritual and the material combine, that we rise above gender divides. But, this latter thought of equating male and female, materialism and spirituality, world and wisdom, is seen as radical, not mainstream.

In the Dharmashastras, we see greater value being placed on marriage. Celibacy was only recommended after the completion of household duties. There is the story of Agastya, the hermit who is tormented by dreams of his ancestors or pitrs, who are hanging upside down in a dark cave and may fade into oblivion, unless Agastya produces a child. Thus, a case is made for marriage and children.

A similar story is found in the Mahabharata, in which Bhishma refuses to produce a child, and, therefore, is condemned to a hell called Put, meant for people who do not produce children. The ritual of shraadh that Hindus perform is essentially a pact in which men promise their ancestors that they will father children, hence facilitating their rebirth.

In Puranas, good things happen only when Shiva marries the Goddess; bad things happen when Shiva shuts his eyes.

Buddhism generally was opposed to marriage and the householder's life. This model was popular in Jainism, too, which differentiated between the monks, the sramanas, and the layfolk, shravakas. We can see this Jain influence on Hinduism today, in which increasingly, the Mahant lobby is considered to be the spiritual leader over the household communities, where women perform rituals.

Therefore, many gurus who wear saffron robes, who have no families, are considered superior to householders who are married. This standard, where monks are superior to layfolk, is now manifesting itself in politics. Women are still seen as temptresses who need to be kept in check through marriage and maternity.

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Ballari to supply 7 KL oxygen to Mandya District: Health Minister

Mandya, May 6 (Mohan Raj& SSV)- Steps have been taken to supply 7 KL of oxygen to district from Ballari in view of shortage of oxygen in Mandya, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Talking to reporters after the review meeting of COVID-19 situation in the district on Monday night, he directed officers to take necessary steps to ensure that COVID related problems do not go out of control.

Demand for beds go up once the number of positive cases increases. The oxygen tank built in Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences should be full always. In addition to this, around 300 to 350 jumbo oxygen cylinders will be procured from Ballari to Mandya district, he said.

Quarantine must

The Minister said people coming from other States to Mandya must be subjected to quarantine. The district has 6,000 active cases and doctors must give good treatment to patients. Both the District Administration and Health Department must increase beds as the pandemic was entering rural areas.

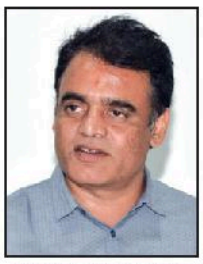
The bed strength of Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences was 300 and it must be increased to 600. The elected representatives of the district are working hard, he said adding that Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah, MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda have brought to his notice regarding the scarcity of oxygen.

The Government was doing everything to check the surge of pandemic, but it was not possible cent percent. Few mistakes bound to happen in this endeavour. Efforts were made to save every life.

The Government was in regular touch with Government of India for increased supply of oxygen and medicines to the State, he said adding that instruction has been given to form Task Force for every booth.

District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi, ZP CEO Divya Prabhu, Superintendent of Police Dr. Ashwini and others were present.

Task Force Chief assures COVID-19 test results in 7 hours



Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, May 6- Giving results of COVID tests within 7 hours will be made mandatory in all Hospitals across the State, Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID Ministerial Task Force Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after reviewing the COVID situation here, he said, providing reports of COVID tests and BU number generation will be made to happen within 7 hours

Earlier, it was taking 72 hours to get results after the samples reached the laboratory. Now, this has been reduced to 7 hours. This enables early detection of the infection and to start treatment before the infection advances, he explained.

The Minister said steps will be taken to do the blood tests of those who are in home isolation. Blood test will help to know the condition of the infected patient and to find out the inflammatory markers.

Oxygen utilisation

Oxygen produced in the State will be completely utilised within the State itself. Currently, there is supply of 850 Metric Tonnes of oxygen to the State. If the demand for oxygen increases further, arrangements will be done to get it from other States or from other countries, he said.

Antiviral Remdesivir will be useful only in the primary stage of the infection. But, when the infection is more, this antiviral is of no use. About 30-40 percent of the infected are getting admitted to hospitals even though they do not require, because of anxiety. So steps will be taken to reduce the anxiety of the patients, he noted.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan said Hospitals are told to keep enough stock of consumables like masks, PPE kits, oximeters, medicines etc.

Karnataka crosses one crore vaccinations against COVID-19

Bengaluru, May 6 (UNI) - Karnataka Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar on Wednesday said that the State has crossed one crore inoculations.

In a tweet, he said the State has received 1,05,49,970 doses from the Centre and State Government has procured 3 lakh doses.

Vaccine is our biggest weapon to defeat pandemic and the Government is leaving no stone unturned to vaccinate everyone at the earliest, he noted.

Health Department officials said these inoculations comprise first and the second doses. On Tuesday alone, the State Government has achieved 99.36 percent inoculations.

He said, 'keeping our hands clean is now more important than ever. Wash your hands and protect yourself and those around you.'

The State Government had kept the vaccination of people between 18 years and above symbolic as it is awaiting the vaccines to arrive from the manufacturers. The State Government has also decided to vaccinate all those eligible for free of cost.

Obituary

K.H. Syed Ghouse

Mysuru, May 6 -Syed Ghouse (70), retired Assistant Manager of Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation and a resident of Meena Bazar, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial took place at Kirugaval, according to family sources.

Raju M. Dalayat

Raju M. Dalayat (55), an employee of the Department of Kannada and Culture and a resident of Janata Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, according to family sources.

S. Suresh

S. Suresh (46), a resident of Jayanagar 3rd Cross, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed today at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, according to family sources.

Dr. V.N. Selvarehai

Dr. V.N. Selvarehai (64), former Conservator of Regional Conservation Laboratory, Mysuru, President of Heritage Conservation, Mysuru, passed away on May 5 at Chennai, following heart attack. He was also a Senior Conservationist at National Research Centre on Litchi and Advisor to Archaeology Department, Chennai.

A resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city, he leaves behind his wife Geetha, daughters Selva Gangai and Selva Muhil, son Selvavindhan, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

As the Conservator in Regional Conservation Laboratory, Mysuru, for more than 35 years, Dr. Selvarehai, during his tenure had undertaken conservation works of more than thousands paintings, many temples and various heritage buildings and had also did some conservation works at Mysore Palace.

Last rites were performed at Chennai, according to family sources.

P. Vijayadev

P. Vijayadev (55), a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away on May 4.

He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on the same day at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Narendra Sen Singh

Narendra Sen Singh (85), retired Scientist E1 in Fruits and Vegetables Technology at CFTRI and a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away on Apr. 30 in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He was the Founder-Member and former President and Secretary of District Table Tennis Association and had also participated in the Asian and WVC Veteran Championship besides winning a gold medal in National Veterans Doubles event. He was also an ardent photographer.

Last rites were held in city, according to sources.

K. Ravi Kanth

New Delhi: K. Ravi Kanth, Joint Director of Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, passed away yesterday at Hyderabad.

Ravi Kanth was instrumental in internationalising the Gyan Vani activities in Karnataka with the broadcast facilities from the All India Radio Stations at Bengaluru and Mysuru, besides setting up the state of the art programme development studios at IGNOU Regional Centre, Bengaluru and Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru. The Gyan Vani (GV) FM Radio was conceived in 2001 as a network of educational FM Radio Channels across the country. He had also held various positions in the electronic media at both National and International levels.

Rizwan Ahmed

Hunsur: Rizwan Ahmed (59), Range Forest Officer (RFO), passed away on Tuesday at a private hospital in Mysuru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Najeeba Khanum, a teacher and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in Mysuru, according to sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Exonumia

Pronunciation: ek-suh-noo-mee-uh, -nyoo.

Meaning: Items, as tokens or medals, that resemble money but are not intended to circulate as money.

Origin: Exonumia, a relatively new noun meaning "items such as subway tokens or bus tokens that resemble money but do not circulate as money," is formed from the originally Greek adverb and combining form éxō "out, outside, without" and the first syllable of numismatics "the study or collecting of coins, medals, or paper money." Numismatics in turn is a derivative of the Late Latin noun numisma (stem numismat-) from Latin nomisma "coin, medal, token," from Greek nómisma "established usage, custom, current coin." The final element –ia is the noun suffix (-ia in Latin, –ía in Greek), familiar in learned English words like agoraphobia and anesthesia. Exonumia entered English in the early 1960s.

Example: In addition to the display of the Roman Emperor set, the conventions will also host auctions of U.S. and foreign coins, ancient coins, medals and exonumia–the weird beasts of numismatics. — Jed Stevenson, "Pastimes; Coins," New York Times, April 29, 1990.

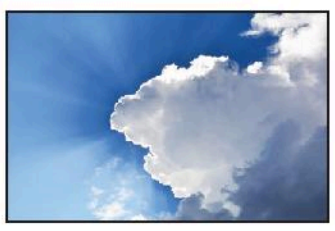
THE ODD WORD

Ecclesiology

Study of church affairs.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Every cloud has a silver lining



Meaning: The saying every cloud has a silver lining is used to highlight the positive side of a situation. Usually this phrase is said to someone who is feeling sad or disappointed in an effort to cheer them up.

Origin: Where does this expression come from? The saying every cloud has a silver lining likely originates from the fact that when clouds float in front of the sun, sometimes they will have a "silver lining" around them. This is shown in the picture above. As you can see in the image, while the centre of the cloud is darker, its edges are brighter. Whoever coined this expression must have been aware of this!

So how long has this saying been in use? The shorter version of the phrase (silver lining) has been used for over 380 years, at least. For example, its earliest known appearance is found in a book titled Comus: A Mask Presented at Ludlow Castle by John Milton, 1634:

"Was I deceived, or did a sable cloud
Turn forth her silver lining on the night?"

QUOTE BOX

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. **—Mother Teresa**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HALT!!

Answer: A tall order.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Pastoral sound
4 Kohli's IPL side
7 Central nervous system, acronym
10 Stronghold
11 Playback singer Arun
12 Mesa dweller
14 Discoverer of X-rays
16 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
17 Inland Rec. Serv.
18 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
19 A rough path
20 Winged creature
21 Peruvian coin
22 Alias, in short
24 Unyielding
28 Postal Index Number, abbr.
29 Succeeded
30 Duo
31 UK country
33 Enzyme suffix with a "sea" of change?
34 Alcott heroine of "Little Women"
35 Commit to paper
37 Invoices
40 ___ de mer (seasickness)
41 Satellite Landing Sys.
44 Vivacity
45 Exhausts or uses up
47 Donald ___ : big-wig of English cricket of not so distant past?
48 Spanish cheer
49 N. England river
50 Maiden-name
51 Air Transp. Radio
52 Outer as a prefix ?

DOWN

1 Churl
2 Greek god of war
3 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
4 Immediately (5,4)
5 Jazz singer Laine
6 Forbid
7 Fraud
8 N in NB
9 Plan detail
10 Sat. preceder
13 Marking fluid
15 Singing syllable
19 Male feline
20 Garden city of India
21 Abrasive sheet
22 Mimic
23 Family
25 Put on
26 National Weather Serv.
27 Water tester
32 London, Midland and Scottish
36 Bend in a pipe
37 London TV source
38 Asian country - "rain" anagram?
39 Former Italian coin
40 Thaw
41 River of Hades
42 NBC's Jay?
43 U-turn from NNW
45 Dead on arr.
46 French season

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	E	N	■	I	R	S	■	C	O	O	L
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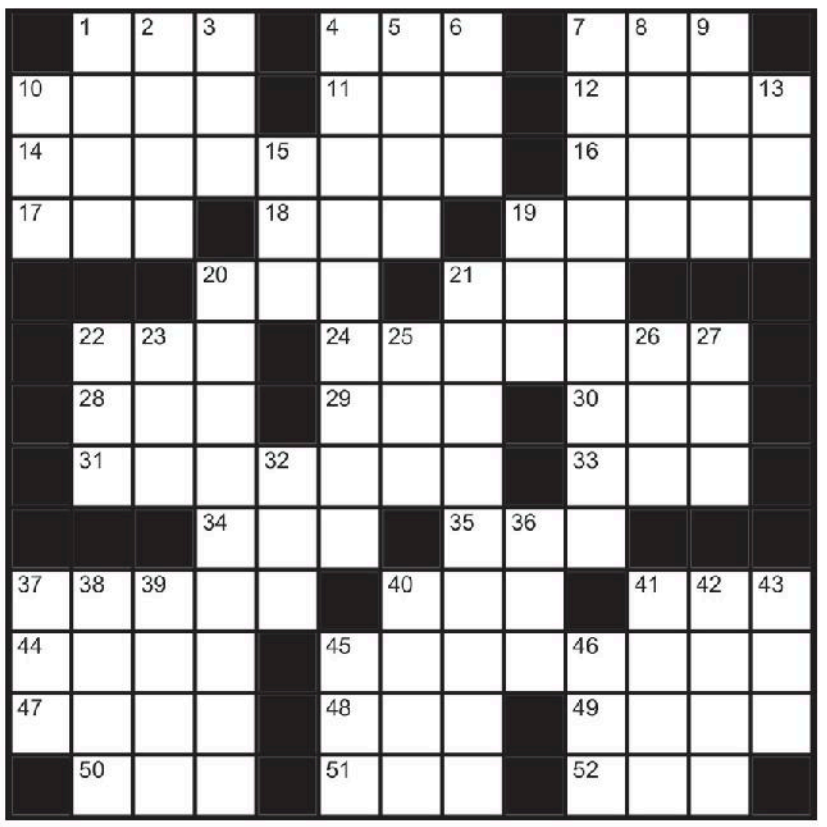

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4							2	
			4		2	6		7

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	7	3	8	9	6	2	5
9	3	2	6	4	5	7	1	8
6	5	8	7	1	2	9	3	4
1	8	6	2	7	3	5	4	9
3	7	9	1	5	4	8	6	2
2	4	5	9	6	8	3	7	1
5	9	1	4	3	6	2	8	7
7	2	3	8	9	1	4	5	6
8	6	4	5	2	7	1	9	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Q EHLLEA WHTMANHLO HW Q KQTRANPCW LBHTR, QTK

Q RNAQL KAQE PV HL HW QYWPECLAEO VQLQE.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are two kinds of light — the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures.

Circles without Traffic...

Coronavirus has shown us a world without traffic. With Mysuru observing the two-week State-wide COVID Curfew since April 27, the ever-busy Statue Circles across the city wore a deserted look yesterday. Picture above shows an aerial view of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Statue Circle in Ramakrishnanagar built on the lines of K.R. Circle and picture below shows a panoramic view of K.R. Circle without free-flowing traffic last evening captured by Star of Mysore *photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav. Both the Circles have life-size statues of the Mystic Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and the Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar respectively.*

"First supply oxygen to Mysuru, then to other Districts"

Minister tells oxygen manufacturing plants, refilling units

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar speaking at COVID review meeting held at MCC premises here this morning as Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev look on.

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&SSV)- All medical oxygen manufacturing plants and refilling units have been strictly told to meet the demand of Mysuru District first and then to address demand from other districts, said Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking at a meeting held at MCC premises here this morning to review COVID-19 situation in Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency, he said as of now, there was no shortage of oxygen in district. All steps will be taken to ensure that a Chamarajanagar-like tragedy will not occur in any Hospital in the State. Two Nodal Officers, one for oxygen and another for Remdesivir injection, have been appointed. Besides, oxygen manufacturing and refilling plants have been told to first supply to Mysuru District and later to other districts, he said.

Online booking

The Minister said with a view to checking the misuse of Remdesivir injection, it has been decided that every Hospital, be it Government or Private, has to place an order for the injection in the patient name. The Government will deliver the vial in his/her name. Unfortunately, some miscreants were misusing the situation by selling the injection for thousands of rupees in black market. To check this, a Task Force headed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has been constituted, he stated.

Bed facility

Somashekar said Private Hospitals have surrendered around 740 beds as against 1,429 beds. Suttur Seer has been requested to reserve 100 beds for COVID patients but he has agreed for 28 beds.

Put up white flag

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas, who presided over the meeting, expressed grave concern over Corona positive patients moving freely on the streets. He gave an example of a person in his Constituency who came running to his office to complain about his father missing from COVID Care Centre. After sharing information with the Cops, the missing man was found walking back to his house. Later, the missing person's son informed that he too was a positive patient.

According to an estimate, his KR Constituency had 3,265 positive patients. It was better to put up a white flag on the houses of Corona positive patients or those under home quarantine for easy identification. Fine must be imposed on those who come out of houses, he added.

War Room

Ramdas announced that a War Room will be opened in his Constituency to keep a track on positive patients. The District Administration must share information regarding the Corona positive patients of his Constituency like name, address and telephone so that the tele-callers of the proposed War Room could take care of their health.

Two ambulances will be stationed from tomorrow for the sake of needy patients. The Health Department officers must share information about the availability of beds in both Government and Private Hospitals for shifting patients depending upon their health condition, the MLA said.

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shilpa Nag said Ward-level Task Force will be constituted under the Chairmanship of the area Corporator. The Task Force will have a doctor, Police and volunteers. They will strive to bring down positive cases in their respective Wards.

Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, District Hospital Nodal Officer Dr. Rajeshwari and others were present at the meeting.

Nine new-born babies test Corona positive

District Health Officer Dr. T. Amarnath has revealed that nine new-born babies have tested Corona positive and warned that the number may increase in coming days.

Speaking at the COVID review meeting here this morning, he said Smt. Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Maternity Hospital in Jayalakshmipuram had been converted into COVID Maternity Hospital since May 1. This Hospital has 30 beds and all of them are filled now.

Other Hospitals have been requested to reserve beds for normal delivery cases. Those who want ICU, ventilators and oxygenated beds, were accommodated in Cheluvamba Hospital.

Meanwhile, it was found that nine new-born babies have tested positive. To house more number of pregnant women, the District Administration must reserve beds in Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital where COVID Health Centre has come up, he added.

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